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For : MICROACTUATOR DEVICE WITH
A COUNTERMEASURE FOR
PARTICLES ON A CUT FACE
THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute amended claims 9 and 14; and add new
claims 16 and 17, as follows:

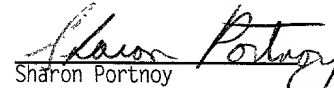
9. (Amended). A microactuator device according to any one
of claims 1 through 5, 7 or 8, wherein said microactuator device
comprises a multilayer structure which includes a plurality of
piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes
alternately laminated and which includes said cut face.

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14. (Amended) A disk recording apparatus comprising:

the head supporting arrangement according to any one of claims 10 through 12; and

a head supported by said support spring of said head supporting arrangement to access a rotary disk, the microactuator device of said head supporting arrangement carrying out fine adjustment of a positional relationship of said head with respect to said disk.

Add new claims 16 and 17, as follows:

--16. (New) A microactuator device according to claim 6, wherein said microactuator device comprises a multilayer structure which includes a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes alternately laminated and which includes said cut face.

17. (New) A disk recording apparatus comprising:

the head supporting arrangement according to claim 13; and

a head supported by said support spring of said head supporting arrangement to access a rotary disk, the microactuator device of said head supporting arrangement carrying out fine adjustment of a positional relationship of said head with respect to said disk.

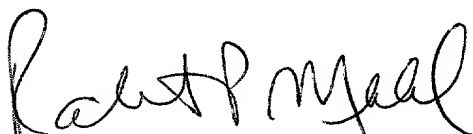
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Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered in the application. Claims 9 and 14 have been amended to eliminate improper multiple dependencies. In addition, minor grammatical amendments have been made to claims 9 and 14.

Claims 16 and 17 have been added to depend from claims 6 and 13, respectively. Claims 16 and 17 respectively correspond to claims 9 and 14.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

9. (Amended). A microactuator device according to any one of claims 1 through 5, 7 or 8, wherein said microactuator device [comprising] comprises a multilayer structure which includes a plurality of piezoelectric elements and a plurality of internal electrodes [alternatively] alternately laminated and which [has] includes said cut face.

14. (Amended) A disk recording apparatus comprising:

the head supporting arrangement according to any one of claims 10 through [13] 12; and

a head supported by said support spring of said head supporting arrangement to access [to] a rotary disk, the microactuator device of said head supporting arrangement carrying out fine adjustment of a positional relationship of said head with respect to said disk.